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PROBABLY both Kansas and Oregon envy Delaware its senatorial vacancy.

It begins to look as if Germany had punctured the tire of the stand-pat wagon.

EVEN a mayor may lead a strenuous life, according to Mayor Dunne of Chicago.

WHAT to do with John Barrett becomes a more perplexing problem to the administration every time it occurs.

ELDER DOWIE's effort to capitalize Zion city on a \$7,000,000 basis brings him into the frenzied finance class.

AFTER trying to buy all the wheat in America, Mr. Gates doubtless has some appreciation of the size of the country.

PERHAPS Secretary Shaw's drawback order had a good deal to do with the collapse of John W. Gates' wheat corner.

THERE are 10 bankers in the Ohio penitentiary. The only regret their despositors has is that they did not get there sooner.

It was the merest accident that revealed the \$1,400,000 defalcation of Bank President Bigelow. It's enough to make a man keep his savings in his stocking.

THE new ship, St. Louis, took to the water when launched just as if it hadn't been named St. Louis. And it wasn't christened with beer either.

MR. BRYAN says the only real peace is to be found in religion. Evidently Mr. Bryan has never visited Washington when the president was on a hunting trip.

BILL RUDOLPH, the Union, Mo., bank robber, and murderer of Detective Schumacher, atoned for his crime on the gallows at Union Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

THE town of Snyder, Okla., is reported to have been wiped off the map by a tornado Wednesday night. The number of killed is estimated at 75 and the injured at 250. Wires are down and no details are obtainable.

It certainly was thoughtless of Henry Clews not to include Tom Lawson in his list of the 22 American citizens who lead in wealth. The things Lawson is likely to do to Clews beggar description.

If American cabinet officers could follow the example of Minister Delcasse and resign whenever they were criticized, with the certainty that their resignations would not be accepted, there would soon be some cabinet officers with swollen heads in this country.

THE New York federation of woman's clubs at one recent meeting passed resolutions favoring a monument to Mrs. Gilbert, opposing crowded fire-escapes, favoring women commissioners, and opposing Senator Smoot's retention of his seat in the senate.

SECRETARY WILSON has scored one in his controversy with the officials of the terminal railroads. They insisted that the law which required the unloading, for feeding and watering, of stock in transit once in each 28 hours apply only to through roads, and while they were so maintaining the secretary was gathering evidence with which he now proposes to institute upwards of 400 prosecutions. The attorney-general has rendered an opinion upholding the correctness of the secretary's construction of the law, and many of the railroads are preparing to pay their fines without entering any defense.

How a head of a government can be popular remains an unsolvable mystery to the czar of all the Russians.

MASSACHUSETTS does not promise the president any bear-hunting, but it boasts of the fact that it can afford him some of the finest lobsters in the world.

WISCONSIN proposes to tax bachelors. Now if Gov. LaFollette could make every stalwart pay triple taxes he would be happy.

It begins to look as if the president would have specially to prepare a little sermon for those landlords who refuse to rent to people with children.

Two Standard oil officials have been indicted in Illinois. This is even more offensive than questioning the purity of Mr. Rockefeller's contributions to church work.

Most of the men who start out to win immortality have to content themselves with oblivion. And many of them are happier with the latter than they would be with the former.

THE defalcation of that Milwaukee bank president once more illustrates how unsafe it is for bank officials to speculate, especially unsafe for their depositors, or their bondsmen.

Mrs. J. W. Howard of Brookfield sends us \$1 to renew her subscription to the COURIER, and winds up her letter by saying: "I can't give up the best paper we get." We hasten to assure the good lady that we are very grateful to her for the compliment paid. Nice things said about the COURIER are more than coronets to us.

KING EDWARD and the French government were recently opposing bidders for a horse sold in England at auction. The horse, a thoroughbred, Cylline by name, was finally knocked down to the king for \$200,000 and will be maintained as a breeder by the British government. Great Britain never loses an opportunity to improve her supply of cavalry horses.

THE treasury deficit, which Secretary Shaw said would amount to \$18,000,000, now amounts to \$30,000,000, but the cheerful secretary assures us that \$30,000,000 is no more to the United States than \$1 is to a single citizen. Nevertheless, the secretary thinks it would be well to tax tea and coffee to make up that deficit. The taxes must amount to 40 cents for every man, woman and child to make that deficit good.

SECRETARY SHAW and Senator Hansbrough have been carrying on a lively correspondence regarding the secretary's recent order allowing the millers to import Canadian wheat, mix it with American wheat, grind the mixture into flour and secure a rebate on the tariff on such portions of the foreign wheat as they choose to allege is contained in the exported article. From the correspondence, taken in connection with the testimony of railroad men given before the senate committee on interstate commerce, we learn some interesting facts (?). Mr. Shaw says the millers make only five cents a barrel of flour. The railway men say the railways lose money on long hauls. If these statements be true, no one profits materially by the importation of wheat because the profit is not enough to repay the millers, and the railroads are out of pocket hauling the flour to the seaboard. The only persons who can profit are the Canadian farmer, who secures an increased demand for his wheat, and the foreign consumer whom the philanthropic millers and railway supply at a loss. Obviously Secretary Shaw and his railroad friends will have to tell us a more creditable tale if they want us to believe their statements.

PANAMA canal commissioners say that the report of yellow fever on the isthmus make things look blue.

It is in order for the bears to give thanks. President Roosevelt is on his way back to Washington.

JOHN BARRETT will go to Bogota against the advice of his physician. John would rather be a martyr than be lost sight of.

THE czar has been compelled to order the arrest of his valet. Now he is confronted with the servant problem, like other mere mortals.

If Admiral Nebogatoff does not hurry up and join Admiral Rojestvensky he will earn the title of Admiral Nevergetthere-ovitch.

THE advertiser who sends circulars about "special opportunities for investments" to newspapermen is fishing in very shallow waters.

If it were as difficult to corner other necessities as it is to corner the wheat market the way of the poor consumer would be a bed of roses.

SHERMAN BELL is an oddity, but it does seem unjust to insist on holding him responsible for an interview which he has from the first declared to be pure "fake."

"Grows while you wait" would seem to apply to this country. There were 12,039 immigrants admitted in 12 hours at the port of New York one day last week.

TWENTY persons were killed and 150 others injured in a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad at Harrisburg, Pa., at 1:40 o'clock yesterday morning. The wreck was caused by the Cleveland and Cincinnati westbound express crashing into a wrecked east-bound freight, exploding a car loaded with 50,000 pounds of blasting powder.

THE tribulations of the "stan-patter" are many and Germany has added one more. The treasury deficit was bad enough, the voraciousness of the trusts was worse, and now comes Germany and declares her intention of assessing a high discriminating duty on American products in retaliation for the Dingley tariff acts. Of course most of Germany's importations from the United States consist of wheat, flour and other agricultural products so that it is the farmer and not the trusts that will suffer from the discrimination, but even the farmers may weary of continually contributing to the profits of the trusts. Even the worm has been known to turn.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Probate Pointers.

Est. Adolph Brand: Mary Brand, executrix, files her final settlement which is continued for final settlement notice till the August, 1905, term.

ALLOWANCES.

John Walker, Jr., against estate of John Walker, Sr., note for \$79.95; same, \$26.55; Chariton county school fund against estate of Jas. H. Hains \$715.05.

Est. Jas. H. Hains: Geo. D. Hains, G. & C., presents report of his private sale of new, and new se 2-55-18 to Jas. B. Evans for \$2,100. Sale approved, and deed ordered made.

Est. P. M. Bell: Eliza D. Bell, administratrix, presents report of private sale of new, and east 20 acres, ne nw 19-47-21 in Jackson county, Mo., to W. O. Bell for \$2,600. Sale approved and deed ordered made.

Est of Geo. Wahl, Sr., Geo. Wahl, Jr., and Julius Kussman

administrators, show to the court that the roof of the dwelling-house upon the home farm of Geo. Wahl, Sr., and which is now rented, is in a very leaky condition, etc., and said administrators are ordered to repair said roof at a cost not to exceed \$60 to said estate.

Est. heirs L. L. Wheeler: On application of Mollie Wheeler, mother of Carrie and Louis L. Wheeler, minor heirs of L. L. Wheeler, deceased, Carrie T. Wheeler being over 14 years of age and making choice in writing of W. M. Anderson as her guardian, it is ordered that he be and is appointed guardian of said minors. Bond in the sum of \$1,000 approved with W. C. Gaston and A. L. Welch as securities.

Est. John Walker, Sr.: The annual settlement of John Walker, Jr., administrator, being due and the same being made and approved, and it appearing therefrom, and from the records of this court that the personal assets of said estate are insufficient to pay debts due by said estate, the court, on its own motion, doth order that said administrator sell, at private or public sale, for cash, all or so much of lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 in block 22 in Sumner as may be necessary to pay said debts, said administrator to report to this court, etc.

It being proven to the court that when Green Packer being the purchaser of real estate belonging to the estate of Jas. E. Packer, he assumed as part of the consideration of said sale the payment of all costs against the estate of his father, the said Jas. E. Packer, and the said Green Packer having departed this life without paying said costs, and said sum being \$52.30, it is ordered that Schuyler Baker, the administrator of the estate of said Green Packer, pay the administrator of the estate of said Jas. E. Packer the said sum of \$52.30.

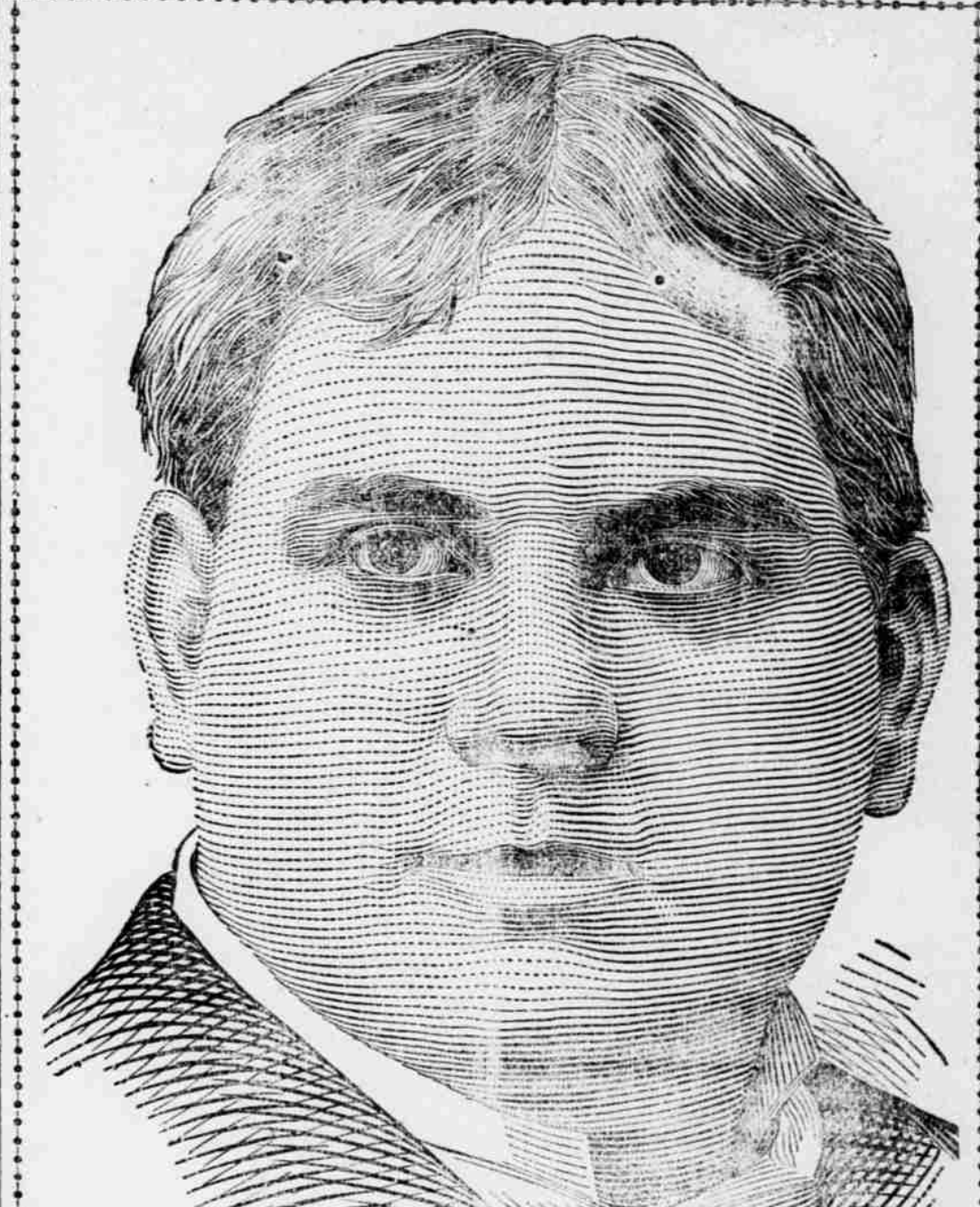
Final settlements of estates approved as follows: Andrew Williams, Wm. Bucksath, administrator; Henry Bucksath, Wm. Bucksath and Wm. Bitter, administrators, and balance of \$342.32 is ordered distributed equally among the heirs; Geo. W. Isle, Mary Isle, administratrix; W. James Tillerson, John Tillerson, administrator, balance of \$138.15 is ordered distributed among the heirs; Jas. E. Packer, Schuyler Baker, administrator; Kate Grisham, Richard Grisham, executor, balance of \$547.77 ordered distributed according to terms of will; N. C. Mosher, Wm. and N. E. Mosher, executors; Marion Hurt, J. L. Hurt, guardian and curator.

Annual settlements of estates approved as follows: John Carsten, George Carsten, administrator, 1st; heirs H. F. Kuhlman, Carrie Kuhlman, G. & C., 11th; Jos. Wegner, Wm. Pitatz, G. & C., 7th; Levisia J. McClure, Wm. N. McClure, executor, 2nd; Susie Mossbarger, Isiah B. Mossbarger, administrator, 1st; J. C. Cole, Maggie Cole, administratrix, 1st; P. A. Willis, Stephen Crawford, G. & C., 1st; J. W. Mason, Lucretia J. Mason, administratrix, 1st; heirs H. Emerich, T. J. McAvan, G. & C., 2nd; John Walker, Sr., John Walker, Jr., administrator, 1st; L. H. Minor, Thos. H. Minor, administrator, 1st; Michael J. North, Sara E. North, executrix, 1st; heirs A. E. Brummall, R. H. Brummall, G. & C., 10th; heirs Ida Tevis, S. N. Tevis, G. & C., 2nd; Price Walton, Louise P. Walton, G. & C., 1st; Lillie, Otto, Gustave and Frank Brandt, Josephine Brandt, G. & C., 1st; John T. Waterfield, O. P. Ray, G. & C., 4th.

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